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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR
DECEMBER 16, 1975:

Q. CAN YOU CONFIRM THE REPORT IN TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES
THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ASKED ISRAEL TO TELL THEM
BEFOREHAND OF ANY ACTION THEY MIGHT TAKE IN THE MILITARY
FIELD? I MEAN, IT WAS A VERY LONG ARTICLE, BUT THAT IS
ONE PART OF IT.

A- I THINK YOU ARE REFERRING TO THE STORY THAT SAYS THE
PRESIDENT HAD MADE SUCH A REQUEST.

Q. YES, THAT IS IT.

A. WELL, AS I THINK WE HAVE SAID A NUMBER OF TIMES, FIRST
OF ALL, WE DON'T DISCUSS PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE;
SECOND OF ALL, WE DON'T NORMALLY DISCUSS DIPLOMATIC
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COMMUNICATIONS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

Q. WOULD THE U.S. LIKE TO BE INFORMED AHEAD OF TIME
ABOUT ISRAELI MILITARY RAIDS?

A. WE ARE ALWAYS IN TOUCH CONSTANTLY WITH THE ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT. AND I THINK WE WILL JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT.

Q. DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE UNITED STATES IS INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF RAIDS? APPARENTLY IT IS NOT TRUE. WHAT IS THE POINT OF THE REMARK, BECAUSE THE LATEST INCIDENT IN LEBANON, APPARENTLY THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT INFORMED AHEAD OF TIME.

A. WELL, I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANYTHING TO ADD. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN "WHAT IS THE POINT OF THE REMARK." WE HAVE SAID MANY TIMES WE ARE IN CONSTANT, CONTINUING TOUCH WITH ALL GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREA, BUT THAT NORMALLY WE DO NOT DISCUSS COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THEM.

Q. IS THE UNITED STATES OFFERING TO SELL TEN LARGE AIRCRAFT, RADAR-SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT, TO IRAN?

A. ON THAT, I DO HAVE SOME INFORMATION. YOU ARE REFERRING I THINK TO AN ARTICLE IN THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Q. THAT IS RIGHT.

Q. THIS IS REALLY A DEFENSE DEPARTMENT MATTER. I BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE SAID THAT NO LETTER OF OFFER HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS AND NO LETTER OF OFFER PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN. NOW, THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN ON THE SUBJECT, BUT THERE IS NOTHING FIRM RESULTING FROM IT.

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